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| 20 QUALITY SYSTEM ELEMENTS | Slide #3-2 |
| Show the slide to the students - probably not necessary to read the list. Point out that each will be discussed to a limited degree. | |
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| Give these addresses to the students if they are interested. | |
| American Society for Quality (ASQ) | |
| 611 E. Wisconsin Ave., PO Box 3005 | |
| Milwaukee, WI 53210 | |
| Tel: 414-272-8575 or 800-248-1946 | |
| American National Standards Institute (ANSI) | |
| 11 W. 42nd St. | |
| New York, NY 10036 | |
| Tel: 212-642-4900, Fax: 212-302-1286 | |
| ISO 9001: NSI/ASQ Q9001 | Slide #3-4 |
| This slide begins the element-by-element study of the 20 quality system requirements of ISO 9001. Point out again that ISO 9001 and ANSI/ASQC Q9001 are identical in the requirements. As you go through the 20 elements, some should get more attention than others. Where no notes are given, you should touch on that element very lightly. | |
| DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION OF 20 Q9001 QUALITY SYSTEM ELEMENTS | Slide #3-5 |
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This is particularly important in order to preserve the freedom and authority of those personnel who must verify conformance; identify, correct, and prevent product and process problems; and control the use of non-conforming product.

- After establishing its quality policy and the organizational responsibility and authority for work affecting quality, the enterprise's management must accomplish the following:
 - Determine the type and level of personnel and other resources necessary to adequately implement that policy and responsibility
 - Make those resources available including the assignment of adequately trained personnel

The enterprise's quality planning process (ISO 9001 element 4.2.3.b) is where these personnel, skill, and material resource requirements could be identified and developed.

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| The standard requires an organization's executive management to appoint a "management representative." This person must be a member of the enterprise's management team and may have other duties in addition to those related to the quality system. They must have clearly defined responsibility and authority for ensuring that an ISO 9000-compliant quality system is developed, documented, implemented, maintained, and improved. They will also be responsible for reporting quality system performance to executive management for its review, with the objective of improving the quality system and quality performance. This delegated responsibility from executive management may also include liaison with customer, regulatory, or third-party registrars who conduct assessments of the enterprise's quality management system. In very small enterprises, there may be no need to appoint | |
| a management representative if executive management performs those functions.Executive management must periodically review the | |
| performance of its quality system: - The review frequency must be defined and must be sufficiently frequent to assure the continuing effectiveness of the quality management system. | |
| These reviews must assess the suitability and effectiveness of the quality system for the following purposes: To satisfy the requirements of the organization's | |
| previously documented quality policy and objectives • To satisfy the requirements of ISO 9001 – Data that could form the basis of these quality system | |
| reviews might include the following: • Current and overdue corrective action requests arising from the following: | |
| - Customer complaints - Internal audit findings | |

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| Customer or third-party audit findings Findings from audits of supplier quality systems Supplier product deficiencies | |
| Field service and field failure data Trends in non-conformance prevention, detection, and correction costs | |
| Status of process improvement teams and other preventive action projects Process performance metrics, such as first pass yield, cycle time, and coefficient of process capability Written records of quality management system reviews must be generated and maintained in accordance with the standard's Quality Records provisions (ISO 9001, element 4.16). Such records might include meeting minutes showing | |
| the responsibility and completion schedule for action items resulting from the review. | Ck1. 40 7 |
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| 4.2 Quality System Element 4.2 of ISO 9001 addresses the overall quality system structure and content needed to deploy executive management's quality policy and management's delegated authority and responsibility for work affecting quality. | |
| Intent A quality system that defines and documents how key processes are intended to function is the first step toward reducing process variability and increasing product consistency and conformance to customer and internal requirements. Reposit | |
| Benefit A documented quality system improves process and product consistency and reduces the extra labor, material, and time needed to correct non-conformities. Cost and schedule performance will improve and will also become more | |

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Interpretation

The standard requires each enterprise to develop, implement, and maintain a documented quality management system, whose objective is consistent product conformance to specified requirements.

The enterprise's quality system is defined in the following:

- Its quality manual
- Written procedures that define the enterprise's operating processes
- Quality planning that defines how the specified requirements for particular products, projects, or contracts will be addressed

Quality Manual/Operating Procedures

- The organization's quality system must be defined in a quality manual.
- The quality manual must define the types, levels, and interrelationships of the documentation that defines the organization's quality system. A "tree" diagram showing how various types of policies, plans, procedures, and work instructions relate to one another could be used.
- The quality manual must either include, or identify by reference, the specific documented operating procedures that define the organization's quality system.
- The quality manual and the associated operating procedures must address the elements of the ISO 9001 standard and must be consistent with the enterprise's documented quality policy and objectives.
- The operating procedures may be more or less detailed, based on the complexity of the processes being described and the level of experience and training of the associated personnel. Where required to assure consistent understanding and implementation of key processes, the operating procedures may reference consistent detailed work instructions that need not be part of the quality manual.

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the need for preparation of discrete quality plans.

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4.3 Contract Review

Element 4.3 of ISO 9001 specifies the necessary elements in an enterprise's process for establishing/reviewing requirements in outgoing proposals and incoming orders.

Intent

When undertaking new projects, contracts, or product-development activities, a systematic requirements development and review process will result in requirements that are comprehensive, clearly understood, adequately documented, and fully communicated to all affected groups at the earliest stage of activity.

Benefit

Unanticipated requirements result in unplanned costs, adverse schedule impacts, requests for concessions, and customer dissatisfaction. The later these unexpected requirements appear, the larger the adverse impacts. These unforeseen requirements are much less likely when the needs of all concerned groups are solicited in a structured manner, fully documented and communicated, and understood and reconciled as early in the product development cycle as possible.

Interpretation

The standard requires each enterprise to establish and maintain documented procedures defining their requirements review process:

- The process must assure that all applicable requirements are clearly defined, documented, and communicated:
 - Prior to submission of a proposal
 - Before order acceptance

Such requirements might include product performance, safety, reliability, statutory, regulatory, and other internal and customer requirements.

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| The process must define how any unwritten requirements that are received will be reviewed before acceptance. | |
| The review process must provide for the following: Identification and resolution of differences between the requirements in the proposal and those in the subsequent order Identification and resolution of unclear or | |
| conflicting requirements - Resolution of any disparity between requirements and the organization's capability to meet those | |
| requirements • Menu-style requirements checklists are one way to assure that the requirements of customers and all affected groups are consistently identified and documented | |
| How the output from the contract review process will affect the quality planning process (ISO 9001, element 4.2.3) and the design and development planning process (ISO 9001, element 4.4.2) could also be defined. | |
| A written record of requirements reviews must be generated and maintained in accordance with the standard's Quality Records provisions (ISO 9001, element 4.16). Such records might include the following: | |
| The requirements checklists discussed above. Requirements review meeting minutes showing action items to resolve unclear, conflicting, or unachievable requirements | |
| The above requirements checklists could also serve as the following: | |
| The basis for subsequent design review agendas where design outputs must be verified as conforming to all design input requirements | |
| The record of those design review meetings — in accordance with ISO 9001, elements 4.4.6 and 4.16 The process for reviewing, communicating, and | |
| implementing modifications to the requirements in proposals or orders must also be documented | |

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4.4 Design Control

Element 4.4 of ISO 9001 defines the major elements that each enterprise's design and development process must address.

Intent

Systematically designing and documenting the process for design, clearly defining all organizational interfaces, and actively planning the development of each new product design will assure that the organization consistently meets all customer and internal requirements.

Benefit

Designs that do not fully meet internal and regulatory requirements and user needs require unplanned design modifications that result in adverse cost and schedule impacts and customer dissatisfaction. Design modifications will have a tolerable impact if made before substantial design effort begins. Impact will be much greater if changes are made to completed designs, and the cost and customer impact can be extreme for design changes made after product has been created, delivered, or deployed.

However, the frequency and magnitude of such problems can be substantially reduced in the following circumstances:

- All necessary steps in the design and development process are clearly defined and documented.
- The requirements of all stakeholders and the designrelated responsibilities of all affected groups are systematically defined and planned before significant design effort begins.
- Design outputs are reviewed by all affected groups and verified as meeting their design input requirements.
- Completed designs are operationally validated as meeting user needs.
- Design changes are systematically managed.

Interpretation

The standard requires each enterprise to establish and maintain documented operating procedures defining how the design of their products and services will be developed, controlled, and verified as meeting requirements:

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| The product design that is the output of the design and development process must accomplish the following: | |
| Be documented. Typical design documentation might include product drawings, specifications, software, and operating and servicing instructions. Satisfy the design input requirements. Include design call-outs that address the safe and | |
| proper functioning of the product. These might include the definition of applicable operating instructions, handling, packaging and storage specifications, and installation, maintenance, and disposal requirements. | |
| Define the acceptance criteria for each design characteristic, either by inclusion in the design documentation or by reference. | |
| Be expressed in terms that can be verified as meeting design input requirements. For instance, a design call-out for "surface cleaning | |
| per X-999 process specification" is a verifiable way to implement a difficult to verify design input requirement like "free of surface contaminants." | |
| Be expressed in terms that can be validated as meeting user needs. For example, a user expectation that there be "no | |
| For example, a user expectation that there be "no sharp edges" is impossible to confirm unless specified as "break all edges to .XX minimum radius." | |
| Documents that define the completed design must be reviewed before release. | |
| At appropriate stages of the design and development process, the design must be verified as conforming to design input requirements during formal design reviews: | |
| Design review meetings must include representatives from all groups concerned with the design stage being reviewed. | |
| The definition of when design reviews will be conducted and what other design verification methods are to be used must be documented in the design and development plan discussed above. | |

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| 4.5 Document and Data Control | |
| Element 4.5 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements for controlling documents and data associated with the operation of the enterprise's quality management system. | |
| <u>Intent</u> | |
| Systematic management of the creation, release, distribution, and modification of documents that affect quality will assure that the contents are adequate and that the correct revisions of all necessary documents are available at every location where they are needed to correctly perform the work. | |
| <u>Benefit</u> | |
| Fewer errors and omission and their adverse impacts to cost and schedule will occur when only fully adequate and authorized documents and revisions are used by all personnel whose work affects quality. | |
| <u>Interpretation</u> | |
| ISO 9001 requires each enterprise to establish and maintain written procedures defining their process for controlling all documents and data used in work affecting quality: | |
| Documents and data that are required for the operation of the enterprise's quality system must be controlled. These controlled documents could be in any form, such as hard copy, electronic media, or microfiche, and should include the following: | |
| The organization's quality policy and quality manual Procedures (e.g., Drawing Release, Supplier Qualification, Design Verification) | |
| Inspection and test plans, procedures, and instructions | |

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| Work instructions and key business forms | |
| Process descriptions and flow charts | |
| Audit plans, design development plans and project quality plans | |
| Internal, customer and supplier product drawings Internal, National, International, and customer specifications or standards | |
| Installation, operation, and servicing manuals Reports and other records whose use affects current | |
| operations | |
| - Process/product evaluation or control software | |
| Customer deliverable documents The master document control list that defines the release and revision status of all other controlled documents | |
| Other customer and supplier documents and data might also require control to the extent that their use affects the quality of the enterprise's products and services | |
| Before release for use, controlled documents must be reviewed for completeness and adequacy, and approved by authorized personnel. | |
| Revised documents must be reviewed by the same functions that approved the originals unless alternate review and approval requirements are clearly defined: | |
| Reviewers must have access to any related information that supports the document's revision and that may be helpful in their review. | |
| To the extent practical, the nature of the revisions should be identified in the document or its attachments. | |
| All necessary documents must be made available at each location where work affecting quality is performed. Availability in the general area of grouped workstations may be adequate to support operations. Delivery of hard copy or on-line availability via computer networks are both acceptable. | |

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| To preclude the unintended use of un-released drafts or obsolete documents, a master document control list showing each document's currently authorized revision level must be continually updated and maintained and must be made readily available to document users. Obsolete documents must be promptly removed from all points of use. Suitable methods could include physically retrieving obsolete hard copy or posting replacement documents to computer networks with a notification of availability to network users. Any obsolete documents that are retained for legal or knowledge preservation purposes must be clearly identified. Use of a red "OBSOLETE" ink stamp on each document is one way to satisfy this requirement. | |
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| Document Control System | |
| Stress the point that poor documentation and document control continue to be the number one reason for non-certification. | |
| Q9001 20 ELEMENTS: DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION | Slide #3-13 |
| 4.6 Purchasing | |
| Element 4.6 of ISO 9001 defines the quality-related requirements for each enterprise's procurement processes. | |
| <u>Intent</u> | |
| Using supplier selection criteria that include the adequacy of their quality management system and their past performance will maximize the probability of the supplier meeting the purchaser's requirements. | |
| Systematically establishing procurement requirements that are comprehensive and clear will assure that suppliers better understand all purchaser expectations. | |

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| Review of the supplier's performance record on previous, similar orders. Such records could include the receiving inspection results for prior deliveries, reports of previous supplier audits, surveys of purchase requester satisfaction, records showing adequate and timely closure of requested corrective actions, and reports of problems encountered in the field. Based on evaluations, such as the above, the enterprise must maintain records of acceptable suppliers. For convenience, such records could list all approved suppliers by commodity type and might also rank suppliers based on defined criteria. This ranking could be used as the basis for prescribing more or less control on future orders (see paragraph 3 below). | |
| 3. The extent of the controls to be applied to each procurement must be defined. These controls could include activities required of the supplier and activities performed internally. Such controls might include the following: | |
| Purchaser's approval of quality-critical supplier procedures, process equipment, process parameters, or personnel certifications Purchaser's approval of supplier's product qualification plan and/or qualification results Liaison personnel assigned to the supplier's facility during critical activities Periodic surveillance audits of the supplier's quality system and quality-critical processes Release of supplier's production activity following approval of the first article produced Sampling or 100% source inspection Sampling or 100% receiving inspection Review of supplier submitted inspection and test data or process control charts Oversight testing, performed by the purchaser or by a third-party lab | |

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| The enterprise's customer might, by contract, reserve the right to verify conformance of subcontracted work before its delivery. Such verification could occur at the enterprise's facility or at the facility of the enterprise's supplier. The verification could be done by customer personnel or by their duly appointed representatives. Despite such pre-delivery customer verification: The enterprise must not treat their customer's successful product verification as evidence of adequate control of quality by the enterprise's supplier. The ISO 9001 standard requires the enterprise to be ultimately responsible for the product's conformance to requirements, including any subsequent rejection by the enterprise's customer. | |
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| 4.7 Control of Customer-supplied Product | |
| Element 4.7 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements for the management of customer furnished articles. Intent | |
| The systematic management of customer-supplied property will assure that such articles are functional and available for use at the necessary time. | |
| <u>Benefit</u> | |
| When the receipt, verification, storage, maintenance, and use of customer-supplied articles is effectively controlled, deterioration and loss will be minimized. The extra costs, delays, and customer dissatisfaction caused by repair or replacement of such property will be substantially reduced. | |
| <u>Interpretation</u> | |
| Each organization must establish and maintain documented procedures defining how customer-supplied property will be controlled, including the following elements: | |

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correcting such errors.

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4.9 Process Control

Element 4.9 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements for the control of production, installation, and servicing processes that affect quality.

Intent

The systematic planning and active management of processes that affect quality will reduce unintended process variability, which will result in products and services that more consistently satisfy requirements.

Benefit

When process variability is systematically controlled, products and services will more frequently meet requirements. Scrap, unbudgeted rework, and associated schedule delays will be reduced, as will unplanned overtime and premium transportation to minimize such delays.

Controlled processes produce higher levels of first-time conformance to requirements, so less inspection and fewer audit hours may also be justifiable. With fewer errors and defects, fewer will slip through inspection and create customer dissatisfaction.

Interpretation

The standard requires each enterprise to accomplish the following:

- Identify and plan those processes that directly affect the quality of their products and services. These might include production, inspection, installation, and servicing processes. Such processes must be conducted under controlled conditions, including the following:
 - Only suitable equipment, facilities, and operating environments must be used. Ideally, process performance has been quantified and found to be capable of consistently meeting all requirements when operated in a controlled manner. Graphical process capability studies can be performed to verify that the process is inherently capable of meeting requirements.

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| Compliance with documented procedures could be monitored by the enterprise's internal audit program in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.17. Regularly scheduled internal audits will uncover the need for revised procedures or for additional training so that practices match procedures. Appropriate process parameters and product characteristics must be monitored and controlled: The parameters and characteristics to be monitored could be identified in documented process procedures and work instructions. These procedures and work instructions might include documentation, video tapes, or representative product samples. Gauges and instruments that are used for monitoring process parameters and product characteristics must be controlled in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.11. Simple histograms and run charts, or more sophisticated statistical process control charts, could be used to record process and product data for use in adjusting process operation. These statistical techniques must be used in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.20. Clear workmanship standards for product acceptability and process operation must be defined, documented, and implemented. These standards could include written descriptions, photos or illustrations, and physical samples. | |

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| Suitable process maintenance must be provided to preserve or improve the original process capability. This might include preventive maintenance for gauges and instruments used in production and inspection processes. Documented maintenance plans and schedules as well as maintenance completion logs or tags could be used. For special processes, where examination of the product to verify conformance to requirements is impractical, the process must be carried out using one or both of the following control techniques: The process must be carried out using pre-qualified equipment, process parameters, and personnel whose capability to consistently meet specified process and product requirements has been evaluated. Records of the results of such equipment, process parameter, and personnel qualifications must be maintained. These records must be managed in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.16. | |
| The process must be continuously monitored and controlled. To be considered "continuous," process monitoring and control should be performed with sufficient frequency to detect and correct unintended process changes before non-conforming product is created. | |
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| 4.10 Inspection and Testing | |
| Element 4.10 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements for conducting inspections and tests to verify that specified product requirements have been met. | |
| <u>Intent</u> | |
| Systematically planning appropriate inspections and tests and performing them in a controlled manner will assure that products and services, once accepted, do in fact meet specified requirements. | |

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| In-process tests and inspections must also be conducted in accordance with planned and documented procedures. These tests and inspections might include random product "audits" by roving inspectors, product measurement or Go/No Go checks made by process operators, set-up or first-article inspection, and automated inspection stations between specified processing steps. Incoming and in-process products that are released for urgent use before verification of conformance is complete must be positively identified (e.g., ink stamping, tagging). A record of their incomplete verification must also be made to facilitate subsequent recall and completion of all prescribed inspections and tests. Such records of premature release must be treated as Quality Records in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.16. These records might include annotated inspection logs and annotated processing travelers. Final inspections and tests must be conducted in accordance with planned and documented procedures. Finished product must not be released until the following are accomplished: All specified processing has been completed. All required incoming, in-process, and final inspections and tests have been completed and conformance to specified requirements has been verified. All required data or documentation must also be available and must be approved by authorized personnel before final product release. A standardized checklist could be used to assure consistent final release practices. All products that have been verified as not conforming to specified requirements must be treated in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.13 — Control of Non- | |

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| For incoming, in-process, and final inspections and tests, records must be maintained. These records must accomplish the following: | |
| Provide evidence of inspection and test completion Document the resulting pass/fail status relative to defined acceptance criteria | |
| Identify the authorized individual or function that accepted or released the product based on the inspection or test results | |
| Be treated as Quality Records in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.16 | |
| Properly designed inspection logs, process travelers, and test or inspection reports might be used to satisfy this records requirement. | |
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| 4.11 Control of Inspection, Measuring and Test Equipment | |
| Element 4.11 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements each enterprise must address for the selection, control, calibration, and maintenance of inspection, measurement, and test equipment. Intent | |
| Actively managing the selection, calibration, use, and maintenance of inspection, measuring, and test equipment will assure that measurement uncertainty is known and is consistent with the measurement capability required for effective process control and product verification. Benefit | |
| Quantifying, minimizing, and controlling measurement uncertainty will substantially reduce the risk of accepting non-conforming product or inadvertently rejecting good product. | |
| Interpretation The ISO 9001 standard defines the requirements that must be addressed when using inspection, measuring, and test equipment: | |

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precision studies to confirm

capability matches requirements.

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| Specific inspection, measurement, and test equipment, whose use can affect product quality, must be identified. This could be accomplished using a data base referenced in documented procedures or quality planning. These gauges and instruments must be calibrated and adjusted at prescribed intervals or prior to use, as appropriate: Calibration standards that are certified as traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology must be used. Where NIST-traceable standards do not exist, the means of calibration must be documented. This could be done in the Quality Plan (ISO 9000, element 4.2.3) for the applicable product, project, or contract. Inspection, measuring, and test equipment that cannot be calibrated, but is used to verify product conformance, must be shown to be capable of verifying product acceptability: Capability must be demonstrated before release for use and must be re-checked at prescribed intervals. The type and frequency of such capability checks | |
| must be defined. Records of these capability checks must be maintained in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.16. Typical articles that cannot be calibrated might include photographs or product samples that are used as workmanship standards, or the software needed to operate test or inspection equipment or analyze measurement input and convert it to an output display. The calibration process must be defined; the documented procedure contained in or referenced in the enterprise's Quality Manual could be used. The calibration process must include the following | |

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| These methods could be defined in the enterprise's documented procedure for control of inspection, measurement, and test equipment or in their handling, storage, and packaging procedure. The means of preventing unauthorized adjustments to inspection, measurement, and test equipment must be defined. Comparative standards used for product acceptance and test software must also be protected. Limited access inspection rooms, cabinets, and tool cases or tamper-evident seals could be used. | |
| If required by the customer, technical data pertaining to the functional adequacy of the enterprise's gauges and instruments must be made available. Such data might include capability studies of measurement precision and accuracy, gauge calibration reports, and certifications of calibration standards. | |
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| 4.12 Inspection and Test Status | |
| Element 4.12 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements an enterprise must address to adequately identify each product's inspection and test acceptance or rejection status. | |
| <u>Intent</u> | |
| To preclude the inadvertent use of product that has not successfully completed all prescribed processing and verification steps, each item's inspection and test status should be readily identifiable. | |
| Benefit | |
| The avoidable delays, extra costs, and customer dissatisfaction resulting from inappropriate release of product for processing, assembly, or use will be minimized when product acceptance status is clearly identified. | |
| <u>Interpretation</u> | |
| The standard requires each enterprise to define how inspection and test status will be identified in its quality plan or in documented procedures: | |

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| The status of product conformance or non-conformance to specified inspection and test requirements must be identified. It should be readily evident whether or not specific units or batches have completed the necessary inspections and tests. Once an inspection or test is completed, it should also be evident whether the product has passed or failed. Tags, stamps, labels, and processing travelers could be used. The identification of inspection and test acceptance status must be maintained during all phases of production, installation, and servicing. Only product that has successfully passed all specified inspections and tests or has been authorized for use in accordance with documented procedures for control of non-conforming product (ISO 9001, element 4.13) can be released for use. | |
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| 4.13 Control of Non-Conforming Product Element 4.13 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements each enterprise must address to adequately control non-conforming products. Intent | |
| The systematic management of non-conforming product should prevent its unintended use. | |
| <u>Benefit</u> | |
| To minimize the budget impact and customer dissatisfaction from products that fail to meet requirements, it is essential that known non-conforming product be controlled to preclude its inadvertent use. | |
| The systematic documentation and evaluation of non- conforming product also provides a basis for improvement of supplier and internal processes. | |

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must be documented

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4.14 Corrective and Preventive Action

Element 4.14 of ISO 9001 specifies the major elements that must be present in each enterprise's processes for corrective action and for preventive action.

Intent

Corrective action processes strive to eliminate the root causes of existing product and service non-conformities. Preventive action processes seek to identify possible non-conformities before they occur and eliminate their root causes.

Benefit

Actively managed corrective and preventive action processes will systematically improve process performance, resulting in fewer product and service problems that affect customers and require unbudgeted resources to evaluate and correct.

A sustained effort to prevent non-conformities from occurring will improve first time conformance and justify reduced inspection and audit expenditures for non-conformance detection.

Interpretation

The standard requires each enterprise to establish and maintain documented procedures for implementing both corrective and preventive action processes:

- Any operating changes resulting from the corrective and preventive action processes must be fully implemented, and the applicable documented procedures must be revised. Corrective and preventive action processes that permanently capture upgraded methods are the basis for long-term continuous improvement.
- The extent of the preventive or corrective actions taken to eliminate future or current non-conformities should be appropriate for the magnitude of the problem and the resulting risk.

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| Information on preventive and corrective actions must be provided to management for inclusion in their regular review of the effective functioning of the enterprise's quality system (ISO 9001, element 4.1.3). The documented procedure for corrective action must include the following: An effective process for handling customer complaints and reports of product non-conformance. The analysis of product, process, and quality system non-conformities to identify and document their causes: Such non-conformities might include the following: Findings from internal audits, customer, or third-party audits, audits by regulatory bodies, and the enterprise's audits of their supplier's quality systems Action items from executive management's reviews of quality system effectiveness Rejections from source, receiving, in-process, and final inspections and tests Current customer complaints and field failures Analytical techniques like "fish bone" cause and effect charts could be used to identify both the immediate causes of non-conformance and their root causes. The results of the cause and effect investigation must be recorded in accordance with the quality records provisions of ISO 9001, element 4.16. A simple Corrective Action Request (CAR) form could be used. The corrective actions needed to permanently eliminate the identified root causes must be determined. The above mentioned CAR could be used to document the specific actions necessary to eliminate the identified root causes. Verification must be provided that the specified corrective action has been taken and that it has actually eliminated subsequent non-conformance. The period required to confirm no further recurrence should be significantly longer than the average frequency of past occurrences. Closure data could be recorded on the Corrective Action Request form. | |

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| The documented procedure for preventive action must include the following: | |
| The analysis of appropriate operating data to detect emerging trends and assignable causes that may result in future nonconformities. Such data sources could include the following: | |
| Equipment operation logs and process control charts Records of requirements reviews and design reviews Records of design changes | |
| Supplier performance records Process cycle time and process capability metrics Process yield metrics and defect rankings | |
| Internal and external audit reports Customer-granted concessions Service records and field failure records | |
| Cost of quality data might also be reviewed in order to optimize the level of defect prevention effort versus conformance assessment effort and defect correction effort (see Section 2.21 of this guide) | |
| Determination of the actions needed to deal with potential problem areas that warrant preventive action The implementation of the appropriate preventive action and the verification that the preventive action | |
| has been effective in eliminating the problem area. One measure of effectiveness might come from monitoring the data that highlighted the original problem for a significantly longer period than the previous frequency of occurrence | |
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4.15 Handling, Storage, Packaging, Preservation, and Delivery

Element 4.15 of ISO 9001 specifies the requirements that each enterprise's processes for product handling, storage, packaging, preservation, and delivery must meet.

Intent

Clearly defined requirements and processes for handling, storage, packaging, preservation, and delivery will significantly reduce inadvertent damage, deterioration, or unavailability of necessary articles at all stages of processing.

Benefit

Product that is damaged or is allowed to deteriorate during receipt, processing, storage, or delivery will cause unpredictable extra costs, schedule slippage, and customer dissatisfaction that could be avoided by designing and implementing systematic product integrity controls.

Interpretation

The standard requires each enterprise to establish and maintain documented procedures for handling, storage, packaging, preservation, and delivery:

- Handling methods that prevent product degradation must be developed and implemented:
 - Controls should be implemented throughout the enterprise's operations, from receiving until responsibility for the product passes to another party.
 - Training, such as electrostatic discharge prevention or clean room practices, could be provided.
 - The design of workstations, fixtures, tools, gauges, containers, and handling equipment can be optimized to significantly reduce handling damage.
- Designated storage areas must be used to prevent damage or deterioration pending in-process use or delivery. Methods for authorizing receipt to and removal from such stock areas must be defined:

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| To preserve integrity and avoid unintended commingling while product is in the enterprise's control, appropriate methods, materials, and environments must be specified and implemented. When contractually specified, the enterprise's responsibility could extend through delivery, installation, and commissioning. Data sheets, travelers, work instructions, and installation and service manuals could be used to define and communicate intended practices. | |
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| 4.16 Control of Quality Records | |
| Element 4.16 of the ISO 9001 standard defines the requirements for management of quality records. | |
| <u>Intent</u> | |
| Quality records are the basis for the acceptance of product and for the measurement and improvement of operating processes and the quality management system. | |
| <u>Benefit</u> | |
| Quality records are a major source of data needed to efficiently plan, budget, and manage functional organizations and to analyze and improve the effectiveness of their processes and the enterprise's quality system. | |
| Quality records also provide management, suppliers, and customers with tangible evidence of conformance to their requirements. | |
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| <u>Interpretation</u> | |
| The standard requires each enterprise to establish and maintain documented procedures for the identification, collection, indexing, access, filing, storage, maintenance and eventual disposal of quality records. | |
| Quality records are those documents or data that provide evidence of the following: | |
| The effective operation of the organization's quality management system The capability of key personnel, processes, or suppliers The controlled operation of processes that affect quality Product conformance to specified requirements Such quality records might include the following: Design review meeting minutes Corrective action requests Training records Management review meeting minutes Calibration reports Prevention, detection and correction costs Customer complaints Design verification calculation Design validation test results Records of customer-supplied product Inspection and test reports Internal audit reports Completed processing travelers Completed certification examinations Supplier audit results Control charts from special processes Supplier performance data Requirements review meeting minutes Product non-conformance reports | |

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| Data provided by suppliers for purchased articles that affect the quality of final products may also need to be managed as quality records. | |
| The standard's specific requirements include the following: | |
| All quality records must be legible. Records must be stored and retained so as to be readily retrievable. Records would probably be considered readily retrievable if they could be accessed in time to avoid a disruption to operations. Using another approach, retrieval within 24 hours is often used as a rule of thumb. The storage environment for quality records must preclude loss, damage, or deterioration. Hardcopy, microfilm, and electronic records may have differing needs for temperature, humidity, and contamination control and fire or electromagnetic field protection. The minimum retention period and the method and authority for eventual disposal of the records must be defined and documented. When required by the customer, quality records must be available for customer evaluation for an agreed period. When not contractually defined, retention periods are often based on regulatory requirements, liability, or product lifetime considerations. Retention periods of 5 to 7 years are frequently encountered. | |
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| 4.17 Internal Quality Audits | |
| Element 4.17 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements for each enterprise's internal quality audit process. | |
| <u>Intent</u> | |
| Internal quality audits provide organizations with a continuous review of the effectiveness of their quality management system. Internal quality audits also characterize the level of day-to-day compliance to the enterprise's approved process and product requirements. | |

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 Recorded and the records managed in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9001, element 4.16

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| Coordinated with personnel responsible for the areas being audited. Since internal audits are improvement oriented, area personnel could accomplish the following: Assist auditors in their development of audit checklists Provide on-scene assistance to the auditor in scheduling personnel availability, explaining operating methods, and obtaining relevant documents and records Provide real-time validation or correction of the auditor's observations Assist the auditor in analyzing problem areas for root cause and in defining appropriate corrective actions. When the exit interview occurs, there would already be complete understanding by all parties. Results of internal quality audits should also be part of executive management's review of the effectiveness of the quality management system, in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.1.3. Management personnel responsible for the area being assessed must take timely and effective action to correct any identified deficiencies. Providing trend charts on the age of open corrective action requests for executive management's review (ISO 9001, element 4.1.3) could provide the necessary visibility to assure that resources are prioritized for timely process improvement. Follow-up audits must be conducted to verify and document that corrective actions have been implemented and that they have been effective in eliminating the original problem. These records of follow-up audits must be managed in accordance with ISO 9001, element 4.16. | |
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4.18 Training

Element 4.18 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements for managing the identification and delivery of necessary training.

Intent

Systematically identifying, planning, and providing appropriate training to personnel whose work affects quality will ensure that they possess the necessary knowledge, skills, and proficiency to consistently meet requirements.

Benefit

The unbudgeted time and effort needed to correct errors and omissions will be reduced when personnel are systematically provided with the training necessary to become fully proficient in their job. Fewer errors and omissions will also result in increased customer satisfaction, particularly in service-oriented processes where personnel have frequent customer contact.

Interpretation

The standard requires each enterprise to establish and maintain documented procedures for managing the identification and delivery of quality-critical training:

- The training needs of all personnel whose work affects quality must be defined. This might include executive management, supervision, professional, and hourly personnel.
 - Some training may be specified by regulatory bodies or be defined in contracts. However, most training will probably be internally driven, based on the enterprise's need to satisfy customer expectations for high quality, timely delivery, and low cost.
- Personnel must be qualified for their specific assigned tasks by having or receiving the required training, education, and experience:

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4.19 **Servicing**

Element 4.19 of ISO 9001 defines the requirements for managing servicing activities.

Intent

Defining, documenting, and actively managing servicing processes should result in optimum product performance that meets customer expectations.

Benefit

The systematic design and delivery of product servicing will maximize the probability that servicing requirements will be met and that product quality will not be inadvertently degraded by servicing errors or omissions.

Preventing servicing errors and omissions will reduce unexpected cost and schedule impacts to the enterprise and their customers. The loss of product use by the customer will also be minimized.

Interpretation

Where product servicing is a specified requirement, the standard requires each enterprise to establish and maintain documented procedures for their servicing processes. Product servicing might occur during or after delivery, installation, or commissioning. Such documented servicing procedures should define the following:

- How the product servicing is to be performed. servicing methods, tools, equipment, materials and product operating parameters could be documented.
- How conformance to requirements will be verified. Any necessary inspection and testing methods, gauges, instruments, equipment, and acceptance criteria could be defined.
- How the completion of servicing and its conformance to specified requirements will be reported. Checklists or work orders completed by the service person and countersigned by the user might be used.

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| Work processes must be evaluated to identify beneficial uses for specific statistical techniques. Statistical techniques might be used as follows: Evaluate and improve the reliability of new product | |
| designs - Analyze, improve, and control the unintended variability of key processes | |
| Predict or analyze field failures Conduct valid customer surveys using cost effective | |
| sampling - Predict product performance based on limited prototype testing | |
| Uncover cause and effect relationships Analyze supplier performance and highlight adverse trends | |
| Release new processes and products for production based on limited qualification data | |
| Analyze customer complaint data Perform lot sampling to verify product conformance to requirements | |
| Characterize the accuracy and precision of gauges and instruments | |
| Analyze operating data to uncover emerging trends and initiate preventive actions before significant problems arise | |
| The areas identified for application of statistical techniques could be defined in the Quality Plan for each product, project, or contract (ISO 9001, element 4.2.3). | |
| The means of deploying and controlling the identified statistical techniques must be documented. Requirements for applying statistical techniques could be defined in applicable operating procedures or work instructions. | |